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The Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: SPRING-LOADED ANIMAL TETHER ASSEMBLY

Applicant claims small entity status.

Enclosed are:

- [X] 12 pages of written description
- [X] 7 pages of claims
- [X] 4 sheets of drawings
- [X] Declaration / Power of Attorney / Petition
- [X] Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- [X] Non-publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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| Large Entity | | | | \$ 385.00 |
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